

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– A cushion may be used for a headrest and an armrest equipped in an automobile. Such a cushion is composed of a skin layer formed in a bag shape and an inner body molded in a desired three-dimensional shape, and the inner body is inserted in and covered with the skin layer. The inner body is formed of filler such as urethane chips, and such an inner body can be obtained by passing steam through a mixture of urethane chips and a water reactive urethane binder to adhere those chips to each other. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– However, a surface of such an inner body is not smooth, and a fraction of the inner body is easily separated from its surface even though the chips are firmly adhered to each other by the binder. Thus, it is not easy to cover the inner body with the skin layer.–

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– In addition, since the surface of the inner body is not smooth as described above, it takes a long time for covering the inner body with the skin layer, and this makes the productivity worse. Also, even though such an inner body is covered with the skin layer, the skin layer is shifted relative to the inner body so that a wrinkle is produced on the surface of the skin layer and a seam of the skin layer is undesirably curved, and thus, as another problem, this makes its quality worse.–

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– One aspect of the present invention is a method for manufacturing a padded body composed of a skin layer formed in a bag shape and filler made of a granular or fragmental material padded into the skin layer wherein the filler adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and adheres to the skin layers. In this method, a water reactive binder is mixed with the filler, and then, a mixture of the filler and the binder is padded into the skin layer to form a padded body. Then, steam is passed through the padded body so that the binder reacts to the steam passing through the padded body, and there by the filler adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and adheres to the inner surface of the skin layer.–

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– The filler may be premixed with a water reactive binder, and the padded body may be set in a molding container having a predetermined cavity. Thus, the binder reacts to steam passing through the molding container, and thereby the filler adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and adheres to the skin layer.–

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– Still another aspect of the present invention is a method for manufacturing a padded body composed of a skin layer formed in a bag shape and filler made of a granular or fragmental material padded into the skin layer wherein the filler adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and adheres to the skin layer. In this method, a water reactive binder is premixed with the filler. The skin layer has at least a porous part and an opening for supplying the filler to the inside of skin layer, and this skin layer is set in a padding and molding container. This padding and molding container has a cavity and a slide block that can move between an opening position and a closing position. When the slide block is moved into the closing position, the cavity is formed in a predetermined shape. The padding and molding container also has a supply port

through which the filler is supplied to the inside of the skin layer and a suction port connected to a pumping source. When the slide block is moved into the opening position, the suction port connects between the cavity and the pumping source. The supply port is provided in the molding container such that the opening of the skin layer set in the padding and molding container fits to the supply port, and thereby the skin layer is set in the padding and molding container such that the opening of the skin layer fits to the supply port of the padding and molding container. Then, the pumping source is driven when the slide block is at the opening position, so that airflow is produced from the supply port to the inside of the skin layer through the opening of the skin layer and from the inside of the skin layer to the suction port. Then, a predetermined amount of the filler is supplied to the inside of the skin layer by use of this airflow to form a padded body. Then, the slide block is moved into the closing position, and then, steam is passed through the inside of the padding and molding container.-

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- The other aspect of the present invention is a method for manufacturing a padded body composed of a skin layer formed in a bag shape and filler made of a granular of or fragmental material padded into the skin layer wherein the filler adheres each other to itself and adherers adheres to an inner surface of the skin layer. In this method, a water reactive binder is premixed with the filler. The skin layer has at least a porous part and an opening for supplying the filler to the inside of skin layer, and this skin layer is set in a pre-molding container provided in a padding container. The padding container has an inner space, a suction port connected between the inner space and a pumping source and a supply port connected to the outside of the padding container. The pre-molding container has a cavity, an entry through which the filler is supplied to the inside of the skin layer and at least one through hole connected between the cavity and the inner space of the padding container. The entry is provided in the pre-molding container such that the opening of the skin layer

set in the pre-molding container fits to the entry, and thereby the skin layer is set in the pre-molding container such that the opening of the skin layer fits to the entry of the pre-molding container. Then, the pumping source is driven to produce airflow from the supply port to the inside of the skin layer through the entry fitted to the opening of the skin layer by use of means for connecting between the supply port and the entry and from the inside of the skin layer to the suction port of the padding container through the through hole of the pre-molding container. Then, a predetermined amount of the filler is supplied to the inside of the skin layer by use of this airflow to form a padded body. Then, the padded body is set in a molding container having a cavity having a predetermined shape, and then, steam is passed through the inside of the molding container. It is desirable to use a funnel as the means for connecting between the supply port and the entry of the pre-molding container. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

–As described in “Background of the art”, there are several problems associated with inserting an inner body formed of filler in the inside of a skin layer formed in a bag shape. Also, it takes a long time for inserting such an elastic inner body in the inside of the skin layer while compressing the inner body. In contrast, according to the present invention, such problems do not arise. We now describe a method according to the present invention for manufacturing a padded body formed of filler made of a granular or fragmental material, with referring reference to Fig 1. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

–Fig. 1 shows one arrangement wherein filler T is supplied to the inside of a skin layer set in a padding container 1. The padding container 1 is constructed of two parts, one being a main part 2, and another being a lid part 3 that can seal air-tightly

its inside. The main part 2 has a suction port 4 connected to a vacuum pump (not shown). Also, the padding container 1 has a supply port 5 for supplying the filler T. The supply port 5 is positioned in opposite to the position of the suction port 4 and is positioned at a connection between the main part 2 and the lid part 3.-

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- In this arrangement, when the vacuum pump is driven, air inside the padding container 1 is evacuated and the inside of the padding container is decompressed, so that air ~~is flown~~ flows from the outside of the padding container 1 into the inside of the skin layer 10 through the funnel 12 connected between the supply port 5 and the opening 11. That is, airflow is produced from the supply port 5 to the suction port 4 through the inside of the skin layer 10.-

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-Then, when the filler T is ~~approached~~ delivered to the funnel 12, the filler T is transported by this airflow so that the filler T is supplied to the inside of the skin layer 10. After a predetermined amount of the filler T is supplied, the operation of the vacuum pump is stopped. Then, the lid part 3 is opened and a padded body 23 (Fig. 2) (the filler T is padded into the skin layer 10) is removed from the padding container 1. -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-As the filler used herein, not only a granular or fragmental material such as foamed urethane chips and a piece of cloth can be used, but also, for example, a very light weight material difficult to pad into the skin layer, such as feather of a feather pillow or a feather mat, can be used. In addition, a powder is difficult to handle when

supplying to the inside of a skin layer because a power is ~~flew-up~~ dispersed. However, according to the present invention, a powder can be used as the filler. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– In order to form a padded body wherein the filler adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and adheres to an inner surface of the skin layer, a water reactive binder is premixed with the filler, and a mixture of the filler and the binder is padded into the skin layer, as described above. Then, the opening of the skin layer is closed, and thereby such a padded body is formed. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

–Then, the padded body 23 is set in a molding container 20 (an upper mold 21, a lower mold 22) as shown in Fig. 2 and is clamped between the upper mold 21 and the lower mold 22. Then, steam is passed through the inside of the molding container 20 (Fig. 3). The binder reacts to the steam so that the filter adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and adheres to the inner surface of the skin layer, and thereby a padded body that has a predetermined shape and is molded in one with the skin layer is manufactured. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

–As described above, since the padded body has already become a finished product molded in one with the skin layer when the padded body is molded, the work for inserting an inner body formed of the filler in the skin layer is avoided. That is, in the art, as a problem, it takes a long time for the work ~~for~~ of inserting the inner body in association with the surface-smoothness of the inner body and the separation of a fraction thereof. However, according to the present invention, such a problem is

avoided and the manufacturing cost is considerably reduced. Moreover, in the art, when the inner body is covered with the skin layer, the skin layer is shifted relative to the inner body so that a wrinkle is produced on the skin layer and a seam of the skin layer is undesirably curved, and thus, as another problem, this makes its quality worse. However, according to the present invention, such a problem ~~is not occurred~~ does not occur. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– This padded body 46 is set in molding container 70 (an upper mold 71, a lower mold 72) having a predetermined cavity, as shown in Fig. 7. This molding container 70 has air holes 73 for supplying steam to the cavity (in this figure, the air holes are provided in the lower mold ~~70~~ 72). –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

–The padded body 46 is set in the molding container 70 and is then shaped in a predetermined shape. Then, steam (for example, 5kg/cm², 1 minutes) is supplied to the inside of the molding container 70. Thereby, the binder reacts to the steam so that the filler adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and adheres to an inner surface of the skin layer, and thus, the padded body is completely molded in the molding container. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

–With referring reference to Fig. 8, a padding and molding container 80 has an upper mold 81 and a lower mold 82. The upper mold 81 is pivotally connected to the lower mold 82, and a cavity can be formed in the padding and molding container 80. The upper mold 81 has a slide block 81a and a suction port 84 connected to a vacuum

pump. A supply port 85 is provided in the padding and molding container 80. The supply port 85 is provided at a position where the upper mold 81 meets the lower mold 82 such that the opening 43 of the skin layer 40 can fit to the supply port 85. ~~[[C]]~~Also, holes or channels (not shown) may be provided for position a stay.~~[[D]]~~ –